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**ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS
SOTACA MILITARY SCHOOL NICARAGUA**

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1. (S/) SIGNIFICANCE: THREE NICARAGUAN ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APC) WERE IDENTIFIED AT SOTACA MILITARY SCHOOL NEAR THE NICARAGUA-HONDURAS BORDER.

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2. (SWN/) REMARKS: THREE BTR-60PB APC WERE OBSERVED ON IMAGERY AT SOTACA MILITARY SCHOOL, 1.5 NM FROM THE NICARAGUA-HONDURAS BORDER. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT APC HAVE BEEN OBSERVED THIS CLOSE TO THE BORDER OR OUT OF THE MANAGUA AREA. PREVIOUSLY TWO OR THREE BTR-60PB APC HAVE BEEN SEEN AT EL TEMPISQUE TANK STORAGE AREA. THE PRIMARY HOME GARRISON OF NICARAGUA'S ARMOR UNITS.

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(S/) THE MOVEMENT OF BTR-60 APC TO THE BORDER IS PROBABLY IN RESPONSE TO THE PERCEIVED THREAT BY NICARAGUA OF POSSIBLE HONDURAN MILITARY ACTION ALONG THE BORDER OR THE REAL THREAT OF CROSS-BORDER OPERATIONS BY ANTISANDINISTA ELEMENTS FROM HONDURAS.

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(SWN/) OPEN PRESS SOURCES HAVE INDICATED THAT AT LEAST 10 BTR-60PB APC ARE IN THE NICARAGUAN INVENTORY. IMAGERY HAS DISCLOSED THE PRESENCE OF AT LEAST THREE AT EL TEMPISQUE.

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3. (S/) COORDINATES 13-00-40N 086-57-00W

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